

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 The present invention is a method and system for providing and displaying on a  
computer device information related to charges incurred for the consumption of Internet  
services. Using such a system, a consumer of services is notified of the charges and  
usage information within seconds of the actual consumption of services, thereby  
6 permitting the consumer to budget for services and control their consumption of services  
accordingly. Preferably, the charge and usage information includes ongoing updates on  
the basis of the smallest incremental unit consumed, to provide the consumer with a  
running total of the amount of services used at any one point in time; the charges incurred  
10 for such usage; the charges for proposed actions so that the consumer can determine an  
action's cost in advance; and predictions regarding future usage and expenditures based  
on the consumer's utilization history.